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Roxbury, May 27, 1872.

Dear Johnson:

Though I could gain no encouragement from your last letter, in regard to the illness of your beloved wife, it was a solace to learn with what sweet submission and perfect serenity she is looking forward to that great change which sunders all mortal ties, and terminates all mortal concerns; but which interposes no barrier to a full and free communion of souls, no matter where located or how great the distance. I trust she will be spared sharp and long protracted bodily pains, and be permitted to pass away as one falling asleep. Her kind and grateful message to my dear wife and myself tenderly affects us; but we feel that we owe much to her as well as to yourself. Should any favorable symptoms unexpectedly occur, you will be sure to comfort us with the intelligence. I have no doubt of the welcome She will receive on the other side of Jordan.

You state that the Yearly Meeting at Longwood is fixed for Thursday, June 13th. Aside from my bodily ailments, this makes it problematical about my attendance. I want, without fail, (Deo volente,) to be at the opening of our great Peace Jubilee on Monday, June 17th. Now, if I should go to Longwood, in order to get home in season, I should have to leave on Saturday morning; so that I could not be present at that day's session, or the first day gathering. Had I not better be excused, under these circumstances? My services would not be worth my expenses; and my abrupt departure would cause me regret, if it did not others. But, afflicted as you are, I will try to be at the first two days' meetings, if you think it desirable. If there will probably be no lack of speakers, you will excuse me from attending. I wait to get your decision. The tenderest remembrances to Mary Anne. Ever yours, W. L. G.